

Initiate post-conflict action on the Middle East Peace Process. The Task Force encourages the administration to give high priority to an active, post-conflict effort to engage the peace process, and also believes that any such action by the administration must be accompanied by greater efforts by Arab states and the Palestinian leadership to discourage and condemn acts of terrorism and violence against Israelis and elsewhere in the region.

#### NOMINATION OF JUDGE GREGORY FROST

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I rise to speak in strong support of the nomination of Judge Gregory Frost, whom the President has nominated to be United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, and whom the Senate confirmed just two days ago. I have had the pleasure of knowing Judge Frost for many, many years and can say with confidence that he is exceptionally qualified for this position. I believe that he will be an excellent Federal Judge.

Judge Frost currently serves as Judge on the Licking County Common Pleas Court in Newark, OH. He has been on the Licking County bench for the past 19 years—serving first as a Municipal Court judge from 1983 to 1990 before being elected to his current position.

As I discussed during his Judiciary Committee hearing, while on the Licking County bench, Judge Frost was selected to take the lead in writing the jury instructions for the State of Ohio. This is no small undertaking. These jury instructions provide the framework in which all jury cases in the State of Ohio are deliberated. The fact that he was chosen to do this reflects the esteem in which his colleagues hold him.

Before serving on the bench, Judge Frost served in private practice and also served an assistant Licking County prosecutor from 1974 until 1978. Having seen how the trial process works from many different perspectives—as a prosecutor, a defense attorney, and a judge—Judge Frost knows what defines good judicial temperament, and I believe that he has it.

While on the bench, his graciousness and dedication have earned him the respect of those inside and outside of his courtroom. I received many letters of support for Judge Frost that attest to this.

Without question, Judge Frost will be a fine addition to the District Court. He has the experience, the temperament, and the dedication to be an excellent Federal judge. I strongly support his nomination and thank my colleagues for voting in support of his nomination.

#### JUSTICE NEEDED FOR THE MURDER OF PRIME MINISTER ZORAN DJINDIC

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, this morning's news of the assassination of

Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindic is deeply saddening.

Prime Minister Djindic was a man of courage and determination—whether tackling economic and political reforms or securing the extradition of war criminal Slobodan Milosevic to The Hague. He understood and accepted the risks of leadership in a transitional Serbia, and bravely served his compatriots.

Prime Minister Djindic rightly believed that Serbia's future rests with the rule of law, free markets, and a democratic political system. Threats against his life—including an assassination attempt only last month—underscored that his reform agenda directly challenging entrenched segments of Serbian society, including organized crime and the cronies of Slobodan Milosevic who continue to serve in the government and military.

Prime Minister Djindic scoffed at the notion that his untimely demise would derail Serbia's reform efforts. After last month's incident, he said, "If someone thinks the law and reforms can be stopped by eliminating me, then that is a huge delusion."

Those who share the Prime Minister's vision of peace and prosperity for Serbia cannot—and must not—give up their struggle. There is no better way to honor Zoran Djindic than to redouble efforts to implement reforms and to strengthen the rule of law.

During this uncertain time, the champions of reform and democracy in Serbia should know that the U.S. Congress continues to stand by their side; crime bosses and war criminals should know that the United States is committed to aiding reformers in their defeat.

We will continue to closely follow developments in Serbia and throughout the region—and will remain vigilant in demanding justice for the murder of Zoran Djindic.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

• Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I would like to express my strong support for Lincoln, NE's application for a community health center. I met recently with Secretary Tommy Thompson and discussed the proposal with him. He reacted positively, assuring me that the application would be given top priority.

The need for this facility in Lincoln is great. Lincoln is experiencing an influx of immigrant families who lack health care coverage and are in critical need of medical care. And Nebraska, like other States, is facing budgetary constraints due to the downturn in the economy and reduced its Medicaid rolls leaving more people without health insurance.

The new health center, which will be called the Peoples' Health Center of

Lincoln, will provide many services to the area including: primary medical care, primary dental care and oral health education, lab services, social work and health education. With the Federal funds, the community will be able to proceed to develop these health services to the uninsured and underinsured in Lincoln.

I look forward to HHS's grant announcement and am hopeful that Lincoln's application will be approved.●

#### HONORING DR. R. BRENT WRIGHT

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I speak in recognition of Dr. R. Brent Wright of Glasgow, Kentucky. Dr. Wright is a recipient of the American Medical Association's AMA Foundation Leadership Award at the 2003 AMA National Advocacy Conference held in Washington, D.C. earlier this month.

Each year the AMA takes an opportunity to honor young physicians who, in addition to offering patients quality medical attention, show a strong dedication to community affairs and leadership in the medical community. Only 25 young physicians in the nation receive this distinguished honor and I am proud that a fellow Kentuckian has been recognized for his innovative and hard work.

Dr. Wright serves as a family physician at the University of Louisville Health Science Center in Glasgow, Kentucky. No stranger to serving the needs of the community, he is Chair of the Community Medical Care Clinical Committee which offers assistance to uninsured and employed individuals. Dr. Wright is also active with medical associations, such as the AMA and the Kentucky Medical Association Congress of Delegates, and he serves as the Acting Program Director of the University of Louisville/Glasgow Family Medicine Residency Program.

His commitment to improving the health care system one patient at a time is certainly serving Kentucky well. I look forward to seeing the future accomplishments of his promising career, and I am pleased the Senate is joining me in honoring Dr. R. Brent Wright.●

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 35th ANNIVERSARY OF PROJECT REHAB

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, today it is my great pleasure to recognize Project Rehab for 35 years of dedicated service promoting personal and community health throughout my home State of Michigan.

Since 1968, Project Rehab has functioned as a community-based outreach to people experiencing behavioral and mental health problems. Project in Rehabilitation began as the joint effort of Dr. William Kooistra and Dr. Chet Maternowski to offer counseling and treatment to heroin addicts in Grand Rapids, MI. Through their valuable service, Drs. Kooistra and Maternowski promoted awareness of drug addiction